**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**FOR CONSULTING SERVICES**

**Republic of Türkiye**

**Rail Logistics Improvement Project (RLIP)**

Loan No. 9145-TR

**Assignment Title:**Consulting Services forPreparation of Survey and Feasibility Studies, Preparation of Detailed Engineering Designs and Technical Specifications/Bills of Quantities for 6 Rail Last-mile Connectivity Infrastructure Sub-projects (Group 1)

**Reference No**.: AYGM-DAN-2022-WB 11

The Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (MoTI) of the Republic of Türkiye has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Rail Logistics Improvement Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The consulting services (“the Services”) include (i) preparation of survey and feasibility studies for 6 subprojects in compliance with the guidelines and procedures of the Government of Türkiye; (ii) the preparation of detailed engineering designs, technical specifications/bills of quantities and bidding documents for civil works of the subprojects deemed feasible. The duration of services are 12 months and services are expected to be implemented between mid-year 2024 and mid-year 2025, and they will be provided in full consistency with the Terms of Reference referred to in this Request for Expressions of Interest.

The detailed Terms of Reference for the assignment can be downloaded via following link: https://aygm.uab.gov.tr/ihaleler

The MoTI’s Directorate-General of Infrastructure Investments (DGII) now invites eligible consulting firms (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The shortlisting criteria are:

1. The Consultants should be in the consulting business in the last 10 years prior to deadline for submission of interests;
2. The Consultants should have specific experience in design of similar railway construction projects in the last 10 years prior to deadline for submission of interests (Design ofrailway, metro, tram or funicular projects with minimum length of 5 km)
3. The Consultants should demonstrate the pool of key experts available to them by providing their list of technical experts;

Consultants are requested to submit at least the following supporting documents: (a) The Firm's Incorporation/Trade/registration documents from their country of Registration, (Valid Trade license, tax payment certificate, VAT registration certificate as applicable); (b) JV agreement/letter of intent (if applicable); (c) Firm’s brochure; (d) Audited financial reports for last 3 years; (e) list of the firm’s in-house/regular staff with relevant expertise (f) Summarized description records of experience of similar assignments  experience (including nature, scope of services,  contract amount/price, total input in terms of staff month, name of employer, period of contract (date of contract signing to date of completion) funding agency(s), location /country  of service etc.

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank’s “Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers” November 2020 (“Procurement Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms to enhance their qualifications, but should indicate clearly whether the association is in the form of a joint venture and/or a sub-consultancy. In the case of a joint venture, all the partners in the joint venture shall be jointly and severally liable for the entire contract, if selected. While introduction of sub-consultants would demonstrate the planning arrangements of the interested consultant, however the qualifications of sub-consultant firms will not be considered in the EOI evaluation and Shortlisting process.

Interested consultants should clearly indicate the structure of their “association” and the duties of the partners and sub-consultants in their application. The Consultants must explain in the EOI submission (a) the rationale for forming the association and (b) the anticipated role and relevant qualifications of each member of the Joint Venture and/or of each sub-consultant for carrying out the assignment, to justify the proposed inclusion of the JV members and/or sub-consultants in the association. Unclear expression of interests in terms of “in association with” and/or “in affiliation with” and etc. may not be considered for short listing. Keeping one expression of interest per firm as principle, a consultant firm may decide whether it wishes to participate as a sub-consultant or as a single consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. Please note that a firm shall submit only one Expression of Interest in the same selection process either individually as a single consultant or as a partner in a joint venture. No firm can be a sub-consultant while submitting an Expression of Interest individually or as a partner of a joint venture in the same selection process. A firm, if acting in the capacity of sub consultant in any consultant or JV, may participate in more than one consultant, but only in the capacity of a sub-consultant.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the QCBS method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address/contact information below during office hours 09:00 am to 17:00 hours (Türkiye time) in the workdays.

Expressions of interest to be clearly marked “Consulting Services forPreparation of Survey and Feasibility Studies, Preparation of Detailed Engineering Designs and Technical Specifications/Bills of Quantities for 6 Rail Last-mile Connectivity Infrastructure Sub-projects (Group 1)” must be delivered in a written form (one hard copy and one digital copy) to the address below (in person, or by mail) by December 21st, 2023 till 15:00 hours (Türkiye time).

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